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The preservation of Squibnocket Point
saves a classic stretch of unspoiled
shoreline on Martha's Vineyard.



Saving a Scenic Shoreline on Martha's Vineyard

With its sand and cobble beach, wind-carved dunes, and unspoiled habitat, Squibnocket Point in Chilmark is one of the last great stretches of scenic shoreline on Martha's Vineyard. The spectacular scenery has earned the beach the highest landscape rating ("Distinctive") from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management. Now, thanks to a generous gift of a conservation restriction (CR) to The Trustees by an association of preservation-minded landowners, Squibnocket Point will be saved forever from development.

"This is a wonderful accomplishment," said Executive Director Andy Kendall, praising the partners of the Squibnocket Associates Limited Partnership, who have made the CR possible. "As the rate of development in Massachusetts accelerates—especially on Martha's Vineyard—saving scenic landscapes like Squibnocket Point is another vital step to preserving the unique character of Massachusetts."

Years in the making, the CR on Squibnocket Point protects almost all 140 acres of dunes and relatively undisturbed maritime habitat ecosystems, as well as nearly two miles of shoreline, which provide habitat for endangered piping plovers. Under the terms of the CR, Squibnocket Point will continue to be owned privately by the Squibnocket Associates Limited Partnership, who will manage the property for passive recreational use in accordance with a beach management plan. During the summer season, Squibnocket Associates will hire a ranger, who will help implement the beach management plan and monitor endangered species with the help of Islands Regional Ecologist Lloyd Raleigh.

Pre-arranged public access to the property under the direction and control of The Trustees will be allowed between November 1 and March 31. Regional Director Chris Kennedy envisions access will take the form of nature walks, research, and educational programs through The Trustees' Claire Saltonstall Education Program.

Efforts to protect Squibnocket Point span more than a decade, as the partners of the Squibnocket Associates and The Trustees worked to find a way to preserve the beach's habitat for rare species and create a beach and property management plan. The final plan drew support from the town and state agencies, as well as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

"Much of the view to the north of Squibnocket Point has been drastically altered, but we've managed to save one of the truly spectacular landscapes of the region," said Director of Land Conservation Wes Ward, who has worked on the CR since the early days of the project. "CRs are increasingly effective options for protecting open spaces," he added.

Weston Howland, Jr., the general partner of the Squibnocket Associates, agrees that the end result is well worth the wait. "It is gratifying that our work with The Trustees has yielded such tremendous results," he said. "We have saved a scenic property and shoreline forever, and you don't often get a chance in a lifetime to make such a contribution."

For more information about our land conservation work on Martha's Vineyard, contact Wes Ward at wward@ttor.org. 

KENDALL'S CORNER



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In the wake of the September 11th tragedy, many of us were compelled to reconsider our personal priorities and question the relevance of our work in light of events that were so much more important. I found an answer to my questions, in part, when I learned that John Ogonowski, a pilot of one of the ill-fated aircraft, was a member of The Trustees, a farmer in Dracut,

and an avid conservationist. We should take some comfort knowing that our work provides a legacy for John and all the members of our Trustees family who were hurt by these terrible events.

For the rest of us, as we hold our collective breath and await an uncertain future, I hope we continue to find strength and meaning in those places that are familiar and special to us. And we must not lose sight of the fact that we protect the land not only for ourselves but also for our children, who will surely enjoy better days to come.

At our recent Annual Meeting in New Bedford, I reviewed the work we've done over the past year to help protect and care for the Massachusetts landscape. By all accounts, the year was a great success. From April 1, 2000 to March 31, 2001, we protected more than 4,500 acres with 23 land conservation projects in 19 towns and added four new reservations to our properties. Roughly one million people visited Trustees properties last year, and their activities were as diverse as the properties themselves. Approximately 2,000 people stayed at the Tully Lake Campground in Royalston, while thousands more enjoyed a snowy ski season at Notchview in Windsor and participated in family events at Appleton Farms in Ipswich.

We also entered into a number of innovative partnerships to maximize the effectiveness of land conservation efforts across the

state. On a large scale, we are helping to establish the state's first bioserve, the 13,600-acre Southeastern Massachusetts Bioserve. On a smaller but equally important scale, we are helping the Boston Natural Areas Fund increase their stewardship of community gardens throughout Dorchester, Roxbury, and Jamaica Plain.

Our ability to support regional land trusts, in cooperation with the Land Trust Alliance, has led to one of our most far-reaching initiatives ever—the creation of the Doyle Conservation Center in Leominster. This state-of-the-art training and resource center will offer us a unique opportunity to develop and implement a mentoring and training program that will serve the land conservation community throughout Massachusetts and beyond. Ignited by a five million dollar gift, we expect ground-breaking to begin next year.

As in years past, our members represent a crucial source of volunteer strength, public advocacy, and financial support. Thanks to the extraordinary efforts of staff and volunteers, I am pleased to announce that we have now passed the 30,000th member milestone!

We accomplished so much more last year, but you'll have to visit the "About Us" page on www.thetrustees.org, where our 2001 Annual Report is posted.

Now, as we go to press, we have just received a \$1 million grant to expand the Highlands Communities Initiative in 38 rural hill towns in Western Massachusetts. Look for complete coverage in the next newsletter. And, as always, please contact me with your ideas and opinions.

Andrew Kendall
Executive Director

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Founded in 1891, The Trustees of Reservations is a member-supported nonprofit conservation organization that preserves, for public use and enjoyment, landscapes of exceptional scenic, historic, and ecological value in Massachusetts and works to protect special places across the state. Today, The Trustees owns, manages, and interprets 91 reservations totaling over 22,400 acres of land, and protects more than 13,000 acres through the use of conservation restrictions on 200 parcels of private land. The Trustees of Reservations is not an agency of state government. We rely for support entirely upon membership dues, contributions, grants, reservation receipts, special events, and endowments.

For information about becoming a member or to request a change of address, please contact the Membership Office at 978/921-1944, write to us at the address to the left, email us at membership@ttr.org, or visit our website at www.thetrustees.org.

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION

The Trustees Receives National Preservation Honor Award

On October 18th, at the National Preservation Conference in Providence, RI, The Trustees received one of fifteen 2001 National Preservation Honor Awards. Presented by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the awards honor organizations and individuals whose projects demonstrate outstanding dedication and commitment to excellence in historic preservation.



The Stevens-Coolidge Place in North Andover, one of five historic properties cited by the National Trust.

"The Trustees of Reservations has ... embrace[d] historic preservation, recognizing that a state's historic resources are as irreplaceable as its ecology," said Richard Moe, president of the National Trust. "Thanks to The Trustees, more than one million visitors learn about and appreciate Massachusetts' heritage every year, making it a model for preservation organizations everywhere."

Five diverse preservation projects from Trustees properties across the state were cited during the awards presentation: The Stevens-Coolidge Place in North Andover; the Paine House at Greenwood Farm in Ipswich; the Casino at Castle Hill in Ipswich; the Old Manse in Concord; and Naumkeag in Stockbridge.



Preservation work at the Old Manse in Concord helped The Trustees earn a National Preservation Honor Award.

"We're gratified to be recognized by such a prestigious organization for the work we do in preserving historic landscapes for public enjoyment," said Executive Director Andy Kendall. "This is a measure of the dedication of our staff, members, and volunteers."

"It's the culmination of years of planning and hard work, illustrating The Trustees' unique ability to successfully integrate good historic preservation with landscape conservation," agreed Susan Edwards, Director of Historic Resources.

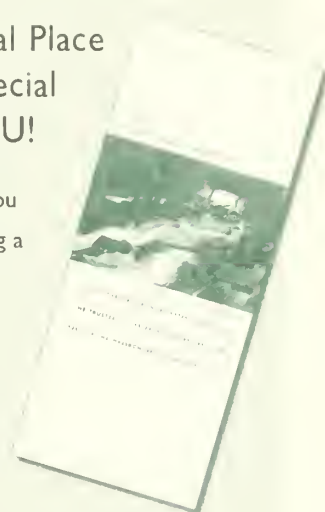
As excited as she is about the award, Susan is more thrilled by the challenge of ongoing preservation work at the Mission House, the William Cullen Bryant Homestead, and the Stevens-Coolidge Place. Projects range from interior and exterior architectural preservation to garden rehabilitation, all of which enhance the interpretation of our properties and make them more enjoyable to the public.

For more information about The Trustees' work in historic preservation, contact Susan Edwards at sedwards@ttor.org.

2001 ANNUAL APPEAL

Every Special Place Needs a Special Person...YOU!

Each fall, we ask you to consider making a contribution, over and above your much-appreciated membership dues, to support our Annual Appeal.



Contributions to the Annual Appeal provide the vital funding needed to sustain stewardship efforts at our ever-growing network of 91 reservations, to undertake new land conservation projects like the 13,600-acre Southeastern Massachusetts Bioreserve, and to expand our education and interpretive programs to ensure that our children and grandchildren will be informed and inspired stewards of the Massachusetts landscape.

Your gift to *The 1891 Society*, *The Charles Eliot Society*, or at any level you can afford (no contribution is too small!) will allow us to sustain and expand our crucial efforts to protect special places throughout Massachusetts. If you have not yet made your tax-deductible contribution to this year's Annual Appeal, please consider doing so—today.

You may contribute by using the Annual Appeal reply slip that was recently mailed to you or simply mail a check payable to The Trustees of Reservations marked "Annual Appeal" on the memo line. Contributions are also accepted at www.thetrustees.org ("Opportunities" page).

STEWARDSHIP

A Hands-On Stewardship Program Comes to Trustees Reservations

With continued sprawl and increased public use of limited open space, stewardship of the land has never been more important. This past year, The Trustees and the Massachusetts Forest Stewardship Program joined forces to put stewardship models into action at several reservations across the state. As part of this partnership, bulldozers were used, trees were felled, and plants were ripped from the ground.

At first, this might not sound much like stewardship, which many presume to be a "hands-off" approach to land management, but as Natural Resources Planner Russ Hopping explains, "Stewardship isn't just a question of managing resources, it's a planning process that requires clear goals and a good understanding of the land and how it responds to our actions." For The Trustees, that means identifying a reservation's resources, especially those thought to be rare or character-defining, and then developing management practices that protect or enhance these resources while providing for public access and enjoyment.

At Weir River Farm in Hingham, stewardship involved bulldozing eight acres of trees and overgrown fields to reverse early forest succession and restore grassland habitat for bobolinks, eastern meadowlarks, and other grassland species. Creating such habitat was crucial to the area, which boasts large neighboring tracts of forest, but only fragmented grassland areas. "We'll know if we're successful when a species count reveals grassland birds in the new fields," says Southeast Regional Ecologist Andy Walsh.



Educational materials at the reservations will help visitors understand and appreciate passive and active stewardship.

Stewardship at Notchview in Windsor meant enhancing cross-country ski trails, while maintaining and improving interior habitat for animals. Overhanging branches and trees were cut along the Circuit Trail to increase the amount of snow that reaches the ski trails, and adjacent forest was thinned to provide habitat diversity for wildlife.

In Beverly, Long Hill Superintendent Lillabeth Wies used the partnership to tackle the problem of invasive exotic plants. Norway maple, buckthorn, and other invasive exotics were identified, removed, and replaced with native or non-invasive exotic species (see Spring 2001 issue of *Special Places*, page 14). Plans at Swift River Reservation in Petersham call for a combination of efforts that will improve the various views of the landscape and help maintain a healthy forest.



Marking trees for pruning and cutting at Notchview in Windsor. Thinning selected trees will allow more snow to fall on cross-country ski trails and will allow the understory to flourish, providing shelter and food for various animals.

Part of the grant money from the program, which is designed to help private landowners develop long-term management programs for their woodlands, was used to create interpretive panels and educational brochures that will be on display this fall at each reservation. So, when you're out and about enjoying the fall foliage, be sure to take the opportunity to learn more about stewardship in action.

For more information about the Forest Stewardship Program, contact Russ Hopping at rhopping@ttor.org.



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Russ Hopping
NATURAL RESOURCES PLANNER

A bulldozer clears brush and trees to reduce fragmentation of grassland habitat at Weir River Farm. Larger areas of grassland are critical to the nesting success of grassland birds, including bobolinks and meadowlarks, which will not nest in small, fragmented habitats.

LAND CONSERVATION

News From Around the State

NEW RESERVATION

Theodore Lyman Reserve

In June, the Lyman family trust gave The Trustees' affiliate, the Massachusetts Land Conservation Trust (MLCT), the 638-acre Red Brook property in Plymouth, Wareham, and Bourne.

In July, with the support of the donors,

MLCT conveyed 428 acres to the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MDFW) for the establishment of a wildlife management area. MLCT will convey the remaining 210 acres to The Trustees to establish the Theodore Lyman Reserve. All 638 acres will be managed cooperatively by The Trustees, MDFW, and Trout Unlimited, a national nonprofit dedicated to conserving trout fisheries and watersheds. **The Trustees must raise \$375,000 for start-up costs and endowment in order to open the reserve and establish a base of operations for a new management unit to serve the Slocum's River Reserve in Dartmouth and Lowell Holly and Mashpee River Reservation in Mashpee and Sandwich. To learn how you can help, please contact Kate Bateman, Director for Eastern Conservation Campaigns, at 781/821-9041 (kbateman@ttor.org).**



The Theodore Lyman Reserve will help conserve a sea-run trout fishery in three towns.

ADDITIONS TO RESERVATIONS

Barton Property, Newbury

Robert Barton generously donated 17 acres of marshland on the banks of the Parker River. Over the years, the Barton-Humphreys family has contributed several parcels of land to Old Town Hill. This parcel is an important step in the continuing preservation of the Great Marsh by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, and The Trustees.

CONSERVATION RESTRICTIONS

Pettengill Property, Salisbury

Winifred Pettengill generously donated a CR on nearly 40 acres of marshland, agricultural land, and woodland near Salisbury Square. The land itself is being given to the Essex County Greenbelt Association, which will work cooperatively with The Trustees to manage the property. Mrs. Pettengill was supported by her two daughters, Sandra Wajka and Karlene Johnson, in her desire to preserve this landscape forever.

Smithers Property, Windsor

F. Sydney and Rosamond Smithers generously donated a CR preserving 62 acres of field, forest, and wetlands surrounding their home adjacent to Notchview. The gift was the last of their many charitable legacies in town (including 94 acres donated

outright to The Trustees in 1993 and years of public service in various capacities) prior to selling their property and making a long-planned move to Vermont. Windsor will miss you, Syd and Mundi!

Sherburne Property, Tyngsborough

The seven siblings of the Sherburne family completed a generous gift begun in 1998 by donating a CR to The Trustees on a small three-acre property, including the family house, prior to donating it to the town for use as offices and/or a museum in connection with town history and nature conservation. Together with the adjacent 82 acres of fields, forest, and wetlands donated three years ago, the Sherburnes have given the town a wonderful open space legacy whose long-term protection is ensured by restrictions held by The Trustees.

ASSISTS

Kaiser Farm, Pepperell

The Trustees of Reservations recently assisted in the protection of the Twin Valley Farm in Pepperell, a beautiful 134-acre farm on Brookline Street owned by Jon and Anne Kaiser. Working with the Kaisers, the Town of Pepperell, and the state's Department of Food and Agriculture, MLCT acquired a convertible Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR) on the farm in August. The \$1.2 million APR is intended to be permanently held by both the Town and Commonwealth.

conservation count		ACREAGE PROTECTED
LAND OWNED	91 reservations	22,400
LAND UNDER CR	200 parcels	13,065
ASSISTS	66 projects	9,437
(as of 10/15/01)		TOTAL 44,892

CONSERVATION OPPORTUNITY

ROCK HOUSE RESERVATION, WEST BROOKFIELD

The Trustees has acquired options to purchase two properties totaling 58 acres next to our popular Rock House Reservation on Route 9 in West Brookfield. Protecting the parcels will buffer the reservation's western border, add wildlife habitat and hiking opportunities, and secure the only remaining privately owned land on the north side of this very scenic stretch of Route 9 between the reservation and Ware. To exercise these options, we must raise \$110,000 by the end of December. Generous grants from Mrs. Dorothy Fullam and her family and the J. Irving England and Jane L. England Charitable Trust allow us to match all new donations until we reach our goal. **To give, please send your tax-deductible contribution, payable to The Trustees of Reservations, to the Rock House Expansion Campaign, c/o The Trustees of Reservations, 572 Essex Street, Beverly, MA 01915, or contact Pamela Barnes, Director of Western Conservation Campaigns, at 413/587-0716 (pbarnes@ttor.org). Thank you!**

CALENDAR

UPDATED AND NEWLY SCHEDULED WINTER EVENTS
LISTED IN DATE ORDER BY REGION



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Look for this symbol near
events which offer volunteer opportunities!

CENTRAL REGION

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1 – 10 AM to 4 PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2 – 12 NOON to 4 PM

Winter Through the Ages at The Old Manse

The Old Manse, Concord 978/369-3909

Join us for a look at holidays past, from colonial times all the way through to 1939. This living history program celebrates the holiday season through the eyes of the Emerson-Ripley family. Listen to an excerpt from Charles Dickens, learn how to identify animal tracks in the snow, and make snowflakes. Join in a sing-a-long (or just listen!) and learn (and even sample!) holiday recipes. Members: half price. Nonmembers: adult \$10, senior/student \$7.50, child (6-12) \$5.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2 – 9 AM to 4 PM

Make Your Own Snowshoes

Doyle Reservation, Leominster 978/840-4446

This program is designed to make your own snowshoes within six hours! Joanna Heron of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management will teach students how to make their own traditional snowshoes. Attendees will have the option to become a new member of The Trustees of Reservations at a discounted price. **Pre-registration required by November 19.** This program requires a minimum of 6 students. Members & Nonmembers: \$120. *Fee includes snowshoe kit containing all needed materials.*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2002 – 7 PM to 11 PM

Storm Date: February 2

Moonlight Madness Party

North Common Meadow, Petersham 978/840-4446

Join us for a peaceful winter's evening on the meadow. Skate on the pond or bring your cross-country skis or sled to cruise the meadow by moonlight and then warm yourself by the bonfire. Hot chocolate and marshmallows to roast will be provided! FREE to all.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10 – 2 PM to 6 PM

Peaked Mountain Winter Carnival

Peaked Mountain, Miller Forest Tract, Monson 978/840-4446

Bring your snowshoes (perhaps the ones you made on December 2!) and join us for a guided hike through the woods to search for winter tracks. Or, bring your skates and glide across Lunden Pond (conditions permitting). Warm up with a hot drink and enjoy some sugar-on-snow by the bonfire. Other activities TBA. FREE to all.

ISLANDS REGION

THROUGHOUT THE WINTER

Special Places on Martha's Vineyard

This winter, explore unique and beautiful properties that are not usually opened to the public. In cooperation with private land owners, The Trustees is hosting walks at properties protected by conservation restrictions. Space is limited. For information on locations and dates, contact Suzan Bellincampi at 508/693-7662 or sbellincampi@ttor.org.

NORTHEAST REGION

**SATURDAYS, NOVEMBER 17, DECEMBER 15, JANUARY 19,
FEBRUARY 16, AND MARCH 16 – 1 PM to 3 PM**

Winter Wildlife Walks at the Crane Estate

The Crane Estate, Ipswich 978/356-4351

These two-hour programs will explore the varied habitats of Castle Neck, including salt marsh, sandy beach, dunes, and forested upland. We'll focus on winter seabirds, hawks, owls, mammals and their tracks, and identify plants in winter. Bring your binoculars and expect to walk about three miles, including some soft sand and one large hill. These walks are not appropriate for young children. Meet at Castle Hill parking lot. Members: FREE. Nonmembers: \$5 parking fee.

SATURDAYS, NOVEMBER 17 AND 24 – 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM

Cultural Landscape Tour at Appleton Farms

Appleton Farms, Ipswich 978/356-5728

Visit Appleton Farms, one of the oldest continuously operating farms in the United States, and learn about the historic farm buildings, operations, and landscape features that make this property unique. Walk is moderately strenuous and not recommended for children under 12. Special group tours accommodated by request. Meet at Waldingfield Road parking area. Pre-registration suggested as space is limited. FREE to all.

SATURDAYS, NOVEMBER 17 AND 24 – 11 AM to 1 PM

Appleton Farms Hike

Appleton Farms, Ipswich 978/356-5728

Enjoy a guided hike through Appleton Farms and adjacent Appleton Farms Grass Rides. View the historic farmstead buildings and gain an appreciation for the diversity of this property which includes pastures, fields, woodlands, and wetlands. Walk is moderately strenuous and not recommended for children under 12. Special group tours accommodated by request. Meet at Waldingfield Road parking area. Pre-registration suggested as space is limited. FREE to all.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11 – 3:30 PM to 5 PM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12 – 3:30 PM to 5 PM

Castle Hill Children's Holiday Parties

Castle Hill, The Crane Estate, Ipswich 978/356-4351

Children will delight in the special blend of magic, comedy, and puppetry offered by Peter Gross and his show *Magic and other Suspect Activities!* Santa will be on hand to meet with kids after the show. Cookies and juice will be served. Recommended for children ages 4 to 8. Advance ticket purchase is required; seating is limited. Members: parents FREE, child age 2 and up \$12. Nonmembers: parents FREE, child age 2 and up \$20.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7 – 12 NOON to 8 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8 – 10 AM to 4 PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9 – 12 NOON to 4 PM

**Christmas in Bloom! Floral Showcase at The Great House
and Holiday Boutique**

Castle Hill, The Crane Estate, Ipswich 978/356-4351

Experience the magic of The Great House during the holiday season and gather some helpful decorating ideas for your own. Each museum room on tour will showcase the skill and creativity of some of the region's most acclaimed floral designers. Mulled hot cider and cookies will be available to warm you. During the event, a Holiday Boutique featuring the area's finest artisans, crafters, galleries, and shops provides visitors with a tasteful array of special and unique gifts for the holiday. Members: adult \$5, child/senior \$3. Nonmembers: adult \$10, child/senior \$8.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 – 4 PM

Ballroom Choral Concert and Reception

Castle Hill, The Crane Estate, Ipswich 978/356-4351

North Shore Choral group, *Canteremus*, performs a traditional holiday concert, filling the air with festive holiday favorites. After the concert, gather for a reception of hot cider and eggnog to ring in the holidays! Reservations are required as space is limited. Members: \$16, Nonmembers: \$26.

SOUTHEAST REGION

SNOWDAYS THROUGHOUT THE WINTER

Lessons for Adults: Cross-Country Skiing and Snowshoeing

Lessons for Kids: Winter Wildlife and Animal Tracking

World's End, Hingham 781/821-2977

World's End Ranger Gail Parks, an experienced athletic director, will provide the cross-country skiing and snowshoeing lessons; you provide your own equipment. Visitor Services Coordinator Michelle LoConte will teach your children which animals are active in winter and how to read their signs. Please call Marge Balzotti to put your name on one of our three lists. We'll call you when there's enough snow for the lessons! Members and children (under 12): FREE. Nonmembers \$4.50.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2 – 4:30 AM

Early Morning Owling

Weir River Farm, Hingham 781/821-2977

Winter is the time of year for owls! Join us for this early morning walk and learn about owl behavior and which ones we are most likely to encounter. Please wear extra warm footwear and warm "quiet" clothing. Meet at the Turkey Hill parking lot at the end of Turkey Hill Lane. Space is limited to 10 participants. Pre-registration required. FREE to all.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5 – 10 AM

Winter Birds

Norris Reservation, Norwell 781/821-2977

Start the new year with your family on a leisurely walk at Norris. While many of our birds are wintering down south, many remain, and still others have recently arrived. Learn how they are surviving the winter and find out what other winter wonders await your arrival. Pre-registration required. FREE to all.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19 – 12 NOON

Identifying Forest Trees

Whitney and Thayer Woods, Hingham 781/821-2977

Learn helpful hints to identify common woodland trees by looking at their bark and buds. This educational walk will meet in the Turkey Hill parking lot at the end of Turkey Hill Lane. We will head down One Way Lane to Thayer Path and through the Holly Grove. Pre-registration required. FREE to all.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2 – 10 AM

Tree Identification

World's End, Hingham 781/821-2977

Ranger Ryland Rogers will guide you along the roadways of World's End, examining the bark, buds, and shapes of our ornamental trees. Meet at the Ranger Station. Pre-registration required. Members: FREE. Nonmembers \$4.50.

FEBRUARY VACATION WEEK (February 18-22) – 11 AM & 1 PM

Daily Barnyard Tours

Weir River Farm, Hingham 781/821-2977

Get up close and personal with the farm animals as you learn how they spend their winters. Parking is on Turkey Hill at the end of Turkey Hill Lane. Program will meet at the barnyard gate at the hill's descent. Please arrive promptly. Members: FREE. Nonmembers \$2.

SUNDAY, MARCH 3 – 1 PM

Orienteering Scavenger Hunt

Turkey Hill, Whitney and Thayer Woods, Hingham and Cohasset 781/821-2977

Gain map and compass skills on an orienteering course. You and your children will have a blast as you gain natural history knowledge of the area in a quest to find the treasure box. Pre-registration required. Members: FREE. Nonmembers \$2.

WESTERN REGION

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1 – 8 AM to 4:30 PM

Ski Season Starts at Notchview

Notchview, Windsor 413/684-0148

Notchview opens for early season classical and skate skiing! We will offer 27 km of trails of all difficulties; 17 km are groomed and tracked. Notchview has two trail shelters plus the Budd Visitor Center and offers snowshoe rentals and a loop for skiing with your dog. Last year had great snow and we expect more of the same. Call us about lodging at one of the Hilltown Bed and Breakfast Inns or stay at The Trustees' Field Farm Guest House (see page 9). Call us for updated ski conditions or look for conditions on the Web at www.xcskimass.com or www.xcski.org. Members: FREE. Nonmembers: adult \$8, children \$2.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1 – 12 NOON to 4 PM

Notchview Christmas Tree Sale

Notchview, Windsor 413/684-0148

Choose from a good selection of 5' and 6' organically grown Christmas trees for sale from our Hume Farm tract. Fir, spruce, and Scot's pine. Member special this year is the Scot's Pine at \$15. Get a tree and catch some skiing if there is snow. If you can't make it on that day, give us a call. \$20 per tree. The best deal around!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13 – 9 AM to 3 PM

Ski Fest 2001

Notchview, Windsor 413/684-0148

Learn to ski this winter. It is one of the best all-around exercises going! This international Learn-to-Ski day is now a tradition in its eighth year at Notchview. We will feature free lessons, waxing clinics, and fun activities. Ski rentals will be arranged. The object is to get out and enjoy the winter. Members: FREE. Nonmembers: adult \$8, children \$2.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26 – 7 PM to 9 PM

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25 – 7 PM to 9 PM

Moonlight Skiing at Notchview

Notchview, Windsor 413/684-0148

The hoot of an owl, lustrous snow in the fields, warmth, conversation, and refreshment. Come experience the excitement of skiing the winter woods by moonlight. We will have guided tours or ski with your own group. Hot cider and popcorn will be served in the Budd Visitor Center. Members: FREE. Nonmembers: adult \$7, children \$2.

SATURDAYS, JANUARY 5 & 19 and FEBRUARY 2 – 10 AM

Notchview Race Series

Notchview, Windsor 413/684-0148

10 km freestyle races. Open to all. This is a group of low key events designed to allow for some excitement and to provide a chance to keep the competitive juices flowing. Members: FREE. Nonmembers: adult \$8, children \$2.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20 – 10 AM to 2 PM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9 – 10 AM to 2 PM

Women's Cross-Country Ski Clinic

Notchview, Windsor

A chance for women to improve their technique and fitness level in an encouraging environment. Program will feature video tape of each skier's technique as an instructional aid. Advanced beginner through intermediate. Limit of 8 women per clinic. Pre-registration required. Please call Jeanne Mangan 413/634-2123 or 413/238-4441. Members: \$40. Nonmembers: \$50.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2 – 10 AM START

15th Annual Bread n' Jam Ski Race

Notchview, Windsor 413/684-0148

The fifteenth annual "Bread and Jam" race. A 20 km classical style ski race. Also a 10 km distance for those interested. Good fun for everyone. Home baked goods as prizes. Registration 9 AM. Members: FREE. Nonmembers: adult \$8.

NOTEWORTHY

News & Shorts of All Sorts

Welcome to New Trustees Staff Members

Jane Trudeau, *Membership Gift Processing Assistant*
 Laurie Bullard, *Coordinator for the Watershed Campaign for Buzzards Bay*
 Dawn Sylvester, *Field Operations Strategic Analyst*
 Caroline Donnelly, *Interpreter, Appleton Farms*
 Beth Swan, *Design & Production Coordinator*
 Jenny Fielding, *Marketing Manager*
 Andy Walsh, *Southeast Regional Ecologist*
 Jenny Hausman, *Community Supported Agriculture Manager, Appleton Farms*



Crane Beach, Ipswich. In cooperation with Manomet Observatory and managers at the Plymouth and Duxbury beaches, The Trustees began a two-year study on the effects of human disturbance on migratory shorebirds.



Kathy McDonough and John Hickey, our 30,000th member!

30,000 Members Strong and Growing!

Congratulations to Kathy McDonough and John Hickey of Jamaica Plain, who were The Trustees of Reservations' 30,000th member. Not surprisingly, Kathy and John joined at Crane Beach in Ipswich, where this past summer nearly 2,600 other individuals and families became members. Kathy and John were recognized at the Annual Meeting and will be our guests at The Inn at Castle Hill on the Crane Estate in Ipswich. Thanks to all our loyal members for generously supporting our many conservation efforts. As of September, our membership stands at 30,600!

New and Improved Views at Peaked Mountain in Monson

Hardworking volunteers helped Trustees staff clear unwanted trees from the top of Peaked Mountain and opened up the trail from the summit to the Valley View overlook. Thank you!



Great weather and a variety of butterflies made the second annual Butterfly Meadow Day at Rock House Reservation in West Brookfield a great success. See page 5 about an important land acquisition project at this reservation!

Boathouse Reconstruction Project at the Old Manse, Concord

Thanks to a grant from the Stratford Foundation, the boathouse at the Old Manse is being restored. There is evidence of at least three boathouses on the property and family histories indicate that the boathouse was in use through the 1920s. Reconstruction will be finished by November, with riverbank restoration to follow in the spring. The project is part of the landscape plan for the Old Manse, which has included reconstruction of the Shay Shed, the perennial beds, and the 19th-century vegetable and herb gardens.



Update on Rocky Woods Dog Walking

A working group of volunteers and staff met through the fall to develop recommendations concerning dog walking at Rocky Woods in Medfield when the moratorium has ended. Current information is posted in "Going Places" on www.thetrustees.org under "Rocky Woods" and on bulletin boards at the property. For more information, contact Project Supervisor Becky Siebens at bsiebens@ttor.org or 781/828-5423.

Coolidge Reservation, Manchester-by-the-Sea

Funded by generous donations, more than 30 large trees, screen plantings, and irrigation lines were installed in the Ocean Lawn at Coolidge Reservation. The work is part of the master plan for this historic property.



A Great Gift ... A Great Cause!

A Trustees of Reservations membership makes the *perfect gift* for all the special people on your holiday shopping list. Just call 978/921-1944, Monday – Friday, 9 AM to 4 PM, and our member services representatives will be happy to help with your order. You can also order on-line at www.thetrustees.org. Each gift membership packet includes a copy of our new 192-page *Property Guide*, membership card, window decal, current issue of our quarterly newsletter *Special Places*, and a note card that contains your personalized holiday greeting. Family \$60, Individual \$40 (\$10 discounts for seniors and full-time students).



PUBLIC ISSUES UPDATE

Through the summer, the Public Issues Committee and staff urged:

- that the Massachusetts EPA minimize impact of a major MBTA "layover facility" on the North River, which borders the Norris Reservation;

- a favorable report on S. 1109 (the "No Net Loss" bill) from the Senate Ways and Means Committee;

- Sen. Kerry to sign on as a co-sponsor of the Conservation Tax Incentives Act (S. 1329), which would lower the capital gain tax burden on landowners who sell land or conservation restrictions;

- Cong. Martin Meehan to join the rest of the Massachusetts Congressional delegation in co-sponsoring the Working Lands Stewardship Act (H.R. 2375), which supports the preservation of farming and farmland.

- Finally, we supported Sen. Birmingham's proposal to earmark 15% of each year's budget surplus for state open space acquisition.

WINTER GETAWAY



FIELD FARM GUEST HOUSE

After skiing the snow-covered trails of Notchview (see back cover), head to The Trustees' historic Field Farm Guest House in Williamstown, where a cozy fire will greet you and friendly Hilltown hospitality awaits. For further information or to make reservations, call 413/458-3135, e-mail fieldfarmguesthouse@ttor.org, or visit www.thetrustees.org. All proceeds directly support Field Farm.

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"...destined to be one of the Northeast's great retreats."

— Town and Country, August 2001

Special Offer for Members!

From now until April 15th, members of The Trustees can enjoy a special offer when staying at **The Inn at Castle Hill**. Stay for any two consecutive nights during the week and the second night is 50% off, excluding holiday weekends and subject to availability. To take advantage of this offer, provide your membership number when making your reservation and present your current membership card with a photo ID when checking in. **To make a reservation, call 978/412-2555 or visit www.theinnatcastlehill.com**



Volunteer Watercolor Artists Needed!

Want to see your work immortalized in print? We are looking for skilled artists to paint "bird's eye views" of several of our historic properties. The works will be used to produce full-color visitor guides and brochures. **Contact Mark Russell at 978/921-1944 x1895 (mrussell@ttor.org) if you are interested.**



More than 80 Crane Beach contestants made this year's Sandblast! one of the best ever. The theme of "Summertime, Pastimes" spawned many crowd-pleasing sand sculptures.

Recent Memorial & Honorary Gifts

A **Memorial Gift** is a special way to remember loved ones, especially upon the anniversary of their passing. We are deeply honored and grateful to have recently received gifts in memory of the following individuals, including John A. Ogonowski, who perished during the September 11th tragedy:

William J. Althaus	Dave Egan
Stephen D. Anderson	Daniel England
Charlotte Auger	Arnold C. Fields
Ellen Blaser	Nelson Jones
Leland S. Brown	Martha McClean
Richard B. Coombs	Frances Baker Muir
Mary D. deBeaumont	John A. Ogonowski
Anna DeStefano	Roberta A. Oppenheim

Elliot Purlson
Jeannine Rioux
Catherine M. Tenney
Frank Hart Wakeley
Carolyn F. Westwood
Gail E. Whelan
Thomas B. Williams

An **Honorary Gift** is a great way to recognize a special friend, colleague, family member, or mentor who enjoys the outdoors and historic sites. We would like to thank those who made gifts to honor the following individuals:

Charles and Mary Alberti	Joshua Lerner and Wendy Wood	Phyllis Menken and Tobias Yarmolinsky
Rachel Belouin	Allison R. Levy	Matthew V. Pierce
James M. Cook	Ernest D. May	Anne Senning
Carleton H. Huff		

2001 ANNUAL MEETING

The Trustees held its 110th Annual Meeting of the Corporation in September. Officers elected for the year include: Elliot M. Surkin, Chair; Janice Hunt, President; Peter Creighton, Vice President; Mary Waters Shepley, Vice President; Charles F. Kane, Jr., Treasurer; and F. Sydney Smithers IV, Secretary.

In addition, 31 individuals were elected as new Corporate Trustees. Five Corporate Trustees were elected to the Standing Committee and six to the Advisory Council. Eight individuals were elected as Life Trustees.

Richard Forman, Morris Gray, Wilhelm Merck, Margaret Poutasse, Patricia Ternes, Franklin King and David Scudder were honored for their long service to The Trustees as they retired.

Conservationists of the Year were the **Lyman Family**, for their efforts to establish and protect the Theodore Lyman Reserve in Plymouth, Wareham, and Bourne, and **Polly Thayer Starr**, for her efforts in creating Weir River Farm in Hingham.



For dramatically accelerating the pace of land protection in Massachusetts, **Secretary Bob Durand and the staff of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs Land Conservation Team** (above) were honored with the **Charles Eliot Award**, The Trustees' most prestigious award.



George Mathey (left) was named **Volunteer of the Year** for his years of service to Castle Hill, including his vital role in the restoration of the Inn at Castle Hill and the Casino wall.

The 2001 **Employee of the Year Award** was given to **Wayne Castonguay** (above right), Northeast Regional Ecologist and Acting General Manager of Appleton Farms. As the Northeast Regional Ecologist, Wayne helps develop and implement a statewide set of ecological guidelines. A principal architect of the Appleton Farms management plan, Wayne conducted a complete assessment of the Farm's



natural and agricultural resources and has since been a key player in its initial implementation. Since last April, Wayne has also been Acting General Manager. Together with a large group of committed volunteers, Wayne has continued the renewal and growth of the property, making it an important part of the local community.

Year-End Report APRIL 1, 2000 – MARCH 31, 2001

The 2001 Fiscal Year was successful by all measures despite the inclement weather during the peak summer visitation period. The year ended with an \$880,000 net surplus from operations, (see chart below) more than double the amount budgeted, as a result of continued growth in contributions and membership.

Operating revenues grew by 11% to \$11.5 million, while operating expenses were up 15% to \$10.6 million. Contributions increased 20% to \$1.9 million, largely due to the ongoing generosity of the members of *The Charles Eliot Society* and *The 1891 Society*. New initiatives increased membership and sustained the positive trend of the past several years. Membership revenues grew to \$1.8 million, an 11% increase.

The \$1.4 million increase in operating expenses was substantially directed toward expanded program services. Land conservation efforts grew dramatically due to the additional staff hired to pursue the objectives outlined in the *Land Protection Action Plan*. Satellite offices were opened in the Connecticut River Valley and Buzzards Bay to pursue regional conservation opportunities. Development and Communications & Marketing expenditures increased 12% and 16% respectively, to provide the additional support needed for the expanded program services.

Operating support from endowment investments remained the largest source of revenues, providing \$4.1 million, or 36% of total revenues. The total return on endowment funds was approximately 4% for the year, which compares favorably to our investment managers' benchmark indices.

We enter Fiscal Year 2002 in sound financial condition and thankful for the generous support of our members and donors who have helped us achieve these record results.

Charles F. Kane, Jr.

Charles F. Kane, Jr.
Treasurer

UTILIZATION OF NET SURPLUS FROM OPERATIONS

(In Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 2001	FY 2000
Deferred Maintenance Projects	\$ 603	\$ 715
Land Conservation Projects and Other Trustees 2000 Initiatives	277	373
TOTAL UTILIZATION OF NET SURPLUS FROM OPERATIONS	\$ 880	\$ 1,088

SPECIAL PIECES



The Choate chest in the Mission House, Stockbridge. The chest has been in the Choate family since the early 1700s, and was one kept on Choate Island in Essex.

The Choate Chest at the Mission House in Stockbridge

EDITOR'S NOTE: To help highlight the many pieces in our historic collections, which include everything from Chinese porcelain and American furniture to contemporary modern sculpture, we're introducing a new column, "Special Pieces."

Mabel Choate was an active participant in the Colonial Revival movement, a period when collectors eagerly sought 17th- and 18th-century American furniture in an attempt to build public collections that reflected the spirit and purity of the nation's colonial forefathers. In 1927, Miss Choate's passion was the restoration of the Mission House, an early 18th-century Georgian house in Stockbridge. But when her antiques dealer, the well-known Israel Sack, informed Choate that he'd come across an early American painted paneled oak chest, her quest became personal.

The piece Sack described was none other than a chest that had been in Choate's family since the days of her ancestor, John Choate, who came to the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1645. Although he may have brought the chest with him from England, most likely it was made in Massachusetts, around 1670. Choate family tradition says that in 1725 the chest was taken to the family home on Choate Island, Essex, where it was faithfully passed down from one member of the family to another, until the island was sold to industrialist Richard T. Crane, Jr., in the early 20th century. At that time, Mrs. Celia Choate Crockett, about whom little is known, sold the chest.

Mabel Choate bought the chest in 1930 and added it to the Mission House's extensive collection. In 1948, she graciously donated the house and the antiques to The Trustees. Years later, Choate Island and the Choate House—the original home of the Choate chest—would come to The Trustees through the generosity of the Crane family. Though it rests today in the Mission House, the movements of the Choate chest throughout the years helps us chart the fortunes of an old American family.

Both properties are open for tours in the summertime. Consult your Property Guide for directions and tour information or visit www.thetrustees.org. To learn more about our historic collections, please contact Director of Historic Resources Susan Edwards at sedwards@ttor.org.

THE SEMPER VIRENS SOCIETY



Chester & Dorothy Peirce

Doing Long-Range Good

Semper Virens Society members Chester and Dorothy Peirce value land and open space. Their livelihood comes, in part, from their forested property here in New England, land whose future protection they have secured through conservation restrictions. They view woodlands like theirs as beneficial to everyone and support The Trustees to ensure that Massachusetts retains as much open space as possible.

Recently, the Peirces donated a charitable gift annuity to The Trustees. This simple way to make a significant gift provides them income tax benefits and fixed guaranteed payments for life. The suggested rates, as illustrated below, are based on the donor's age, and are greater than those paid by most bank CDs. Besides, as Dorothy notes, "A CD wouldn't do any long-range good for Massachusetts."

Your Age	60	65	70	75	80
Gift Annuity Rate	6.4%	6.7%	7.2%	7.9%	8.9%

For further information about The Trustees' Gift Annuity please complete and return the form below to:

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Beverly, Massachusetts 01915-1530
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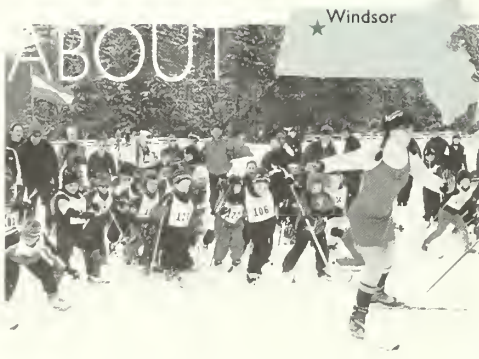
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OUT & ABOUT

Winter Trails at Notchview, Windsor

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Jim Caffrey,



Youngsters ski in the Bill Koch League Ski Festival.

Superintendent at Notchview, home of The Trustees' cross-country skiing center in the Berkshire Hilltowns. He's still excited by last year's record snowfall, which extended the skiing season through April.

"People don't realize that we're one of just a few New England cross-country ski centers that is located above 2,000 feet. We get snow that no one else gets, and that makes for some great winter-time activity, especially late in the season," said Jim. Windsor is generally 10° F colder than nearby towns and gets 45" more snowfall each winter on average.

Notchview's 3,108 acres offer 35km of cross-country ski trails (20km groomed), most of which are single-track trails for classical skiing, though 3-4 km of trails are groomed for skate skiing. For dog owners, a multi-use area features 2km of groomed trails where you can play in the snow with your dog. Snowshoe rentals are available, and you can snowshoe alongside the groomed trails.

"Whether you're on skis or snowshoes," says Jim, "winter provides endless opportunities to track animals, explore the woods, and just see the landscape in a new light."

Jim and his crew have been busy during the off-season adding many new features to the recently expanded Budd Visitor Center. A new room with warm masonry heater for cold skiers, new and expanded bathroom facilities, and a scenic view of the property, courtesy of several large windows, will greet wintertime visitors. Ski shelters and hot chocolate complete the amenities.

The trails have received their share of attention as well. In cooperation with MassWildlife, hedgerows were cleared from Bates Field to create a large open field that provides better habitat for field-dwelling wildlife, as well as views to the south, east, and north. And, as part of the Massachusetts Forest Stewardship Program (*see page 4*), the spruce forest along the Circuit Trail is being thinned to provide new-growth habitat for wildlife and to increase the amount of snow that falls on the ski trail.

Turn to the calendar section for the many events at Notchview this winter, including an annual ski fest in January. And when the snow falls, check out Notchview snow conditions at www.xcskimass.com, www.xcski.org, or 413/684-0148. Members ski and snowshoe for *free*!



HOW TO GET THERE: From the intersection of Rt. 8A and 9 in Windsor Center, take Rt. 9 east and follow for 1 mi. to entrance and parking are on the left.